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FOLLOWING SENT BAMAKO APRIL 10, 1973 REPEATED FOR YOU:

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SUBJECT : GUINEAN PROTEST OVER ALLEGED MALIAN AID TO
SUBVERSIVES

REF: BAMAKO 940

1. APPRECIATE REFTEL.

2. SEVERAL WEEKS AGO ABOUT TWENTY MALIAN MILITARY TRUCKS
LEFT CONAKRY FOR MALI AFTER LOADING MILITARY SUPPLIES AND
AMMUNITION WHICH HAD EARLIER BEEN UNLOADED FROM A CHINESE
SHIP. NOT UNLIKELY THAT A CASE OF AMMUNITION COULD HAVE
FALLEN OFF ONE OF THE TRUCKS OR AS GUINEANS ALLEGE, HAVE
BEEN UNLOADED ALONG THE WAY. HOWEVER, IF IT WAS UNLOADED,
THIS IS THE FIRST WE HAVE HEARD OF ANY EFFORT BY MALIANS
TO ASSIST ANTI- TOURE GUINEANS.

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3. DESPITE IMMEDIATE SUPPORT MOUSSA TRAORE OFFERED SEKOU TOURE AFTER THE 1970 INVASION, IT COULD WELL BE THAT SEKOU TOURE NOW SUSPECTS TRAORE OF HELPING TO OVERTHROW THE GUINEAN REGIME. SEKOU TOURE, OF COURSE, TRUSTS PRACTICALLY NO ONE AND COULD EASILY BE CONVINCED THAT JUST ABOUT ANYBODY AND EVERYBODY IS WORKING AGAINST HIM. FREQUENTLY, HE LASHES OUT BLINDLY OR AT LEAST INDISCRIMINATELY " JUST IN CASE" IN HOPES THAT HE WILL DISARM WOULD- BE OPPONENTS. ALMOST NO ACCUSATION NO MATTER HOW ABSURD IT MAY SEEM TO NON- GUINEANS IS DISMISSED. AFTER ALL, TOURE HAS REPEATEDLY STRESSED THAT HE KNEW ABOUT AND PREDICTED THE 1970 INVASION AND THAT AMILCAR CABRAL WAS KILLED BECAUSE HE FAILED TO HEED A WARNING GIVEN HIM BY TOURE.

4. GUINEA- MALI RELATIONS MAY BE NO BETTER THAN CORRECT, AND THERE MAY BE SUSPICIONS ON BOTH SIDES BUT STILL FROM HERE THERE APPEARS TO BE CONSIDERABLE UNITY OF PURPOSE PARTICULARLY CONCERNING ANY POSSIBILITY OF OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN EITHER COUNTRY. AT ANOTHER LEVEL, RELATIONS WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO BE STRAINED AS LONG AS THE IDEOLOGICAL AND PRAGMATIC POSITIONS OF BOTH LEADERS REMAIN AS FAR APART AS AT PRESENT.
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